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A Gabby Haves Tall Tale

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ISTEN to that old north wind a howling!
That's a sure sign of snow or my name's
not Gabby Hayes!

Tell you what we'd better do. Let's each of us fetch an armful of firewood and we'll get into the cabin here and make everything snug and cory. Then when the fire's a-roaring we can all relax, good and comfortable, and sing some old cowboy songs. Say, look there! A couple of snowflakes! What did I tell you' And sneaking of snow, that reminds me.

As you know, your old chum Gabby is used to traveling pretty fast on account of my horss. Corker, being the swiftest cayuse in all the west. But there was one time a few years ago when I traveled evan faster—mustre been about two hundred miles an hour, I reckom—and it want on any horse a sall, but on my own two feet I I see your eyes a-popping, so wait till you hear the whole start he was the sall to the control of the sall to the sal

It happened that I was doing a little work for the United States Marshal, trailing a band of mean owthoots known as Bill Thirteen and his Ditty Dozen. I trailed them plumb up to that top of Paleface Mountain which is so called because there is always anow there, winter or summer. And there's a little town up there called Frozen Toe, and no wonder.

But in the town of Frozen Toe, I lost the trail. You sea, it was so cold there that everybody was bundled up in coonskin caps and high collars, so the most you could see of any man's face would be his nose. This made a perfect disguise for Bill Thirteen and his Dirty Dozenza

And there was a whopping big crowd in Frozen Toe on account of they were having a ski-jumping tournament. It seems that some fellow had coma there from Noeway and he had brought with him something that looks like a long barrel stave and is called a "ski." Pretty soon everybody went to chopping and whittlihe and making themselves a pair of ski. I went out to whara thay had a big alide on the side of the mountain and some fellows were practising ski-jumping and, of course, there were some of my fann there who recognized mass once because with all my warm

there were soms or my rana there who recognized ma at once because with all my warm whiskers I don't hava to keep my faca all bundled up.

One of them says, "That was some jump,

eh, Gabby?"

"Not bad," says I. "but of course I could

jump farther."
"My goodness, are you a ski axpert?" this

"My goodness, are you a ski axpert?" this fan asked.

"Why sure," responded I. "Of course I am.

It's child play. Nothing to it." I had never worn a pair of skis in my lifa, but I wasn't fibbing. I am an expert at anything I take a hand to.

First thing you know, there was a growd

gathered around, urging me to get in the big ski-jumping contest. I protested that I was too busy on account of having other work to do, but they wouldn't hear of it. So I agreed to get in the contest.

Unbeknownst to me, Bill Thirteen was in the crowd gathered around me and he saw a good chance to get rid of me. So he secretly cut through the leather straps on my skis, just enough so they would break if thera was any strain.

I should mention that they had gotten up a prize of one thousand dollars in gold for the one who could make the longest ski jump. That gold was what Bill Thirteen and his Direy Dozen were after, but they wanted to get rid

of me, first. And they very nearly succaseded.

When it came my turn for my jump, I
buckled on my skis and stood at tha top of
that hill that seemed like it was going atraight
down like the side of a canyon.

"Gabby, why are your knees shaking?"

somebody asked.

Well, I was shivering because it was so cold. "Gabby, why are you sweating?" someone else yelled.

Any fool should know I was sweating because I was bundled up so warm.

"Why are you so pale, Gabby?" called out another.

Bails of fire! Everybody is pale in the wintertime because you can't get any sunburn. Well, somebody gave me a shove and I went sliding down that mountain about two hundred miles an hour. Then I swooped over a hump they had built in the snow and shot up in the air. Believe me, I sailed high up. I looked down below and saw two of my uncles standing at the bottom of the slope watching me. They were so far away that my uncles looked like ants.

Then the strap on my left ski broke off and the ski went falling down. A second later, the strap on my right ski busted and it left me. There I was, high in the sky without a ski. For a moment there, I thought I was a gener. Do you know how It is with ski-jumping? Well, you land going downhill and sliding on your skis. That breaks your fall. And If you land without skis, that breaks your leg. or maybe your neck!

Luckity, I have always been kind to birds. Birds of all sorts seem to take to me. Aunt Hersy once said, in a joking way, that it's because the birds think my whiskers are feathers. They think I'm a feathered friend, Anyway, I puckered up and gave out with my eagle whistle. In a matter of seconds, two big bald sagles came winging toward me. They hovered overhead till I could grab a leg of each one of them, and then they eased me down to the bottom of the slope as good as a parachute. I broke the world's record for ski-jumping by over two hundred feet! The Olympic Committee later disallowed the record because I had once played semi-pro baseball

Only trouble was, after I landed, my two

skis came sliding down after me and whomped me in the head and pitched me into a snow bank. Bill Thirteen and his Dirty Dozen took advantage of this to steal the thousand dollar gold prize and they started riding off down the mountain. They had cut loose all the horses in town except their own, so nobody could follow them. And I couldn't go after them on skis because my ski straps were busted.

Naturally I drew my two trusty aix-guns and started to fire, but both guns had been jammed with snow and they merely clicked. Well, sir, I was undaunted. I started making snowballs and I threw them, I knocked those owlhoots off their horses, one at a time, just like knocking over milk bottles at a carnival.

I threw thirteen snowballs and if you think thirteen are unlucky, you are plumb right. It was very unlucky for those varmints. I recovered the prize money and herded all those owlhoots into iail. You never saw such a celebration. All the

people in Frozen Toe yipped and hollered and some of them carried me on their shoulders and even that feller from Norway came up and shook hands with me. He said, "I never saw such a good jumper! You are the champion of all, Mr. Haves!" Then somebody said, "The way you can

throw snowballs, you ought to be a baseball pitcher."

And I said, "Ought to be? Why, I am the best baseball pitcher that ever came down the pike."

THICH is how the Olympic Committee found out I was a semi-pro player and disallowed the skl jump record. And they also took the prize away from me, but shucks. I didn't want the gold, anyway. Even if I had kept it, I'd have spent it all for birdseed to give to my two friends, the eagles!"

THE END

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